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1. In Mangelberg, a village of about one thousand inhabitants near Fürstenwalde, parents of schoolchildren who refuse to subject their children to the Youth Dedication (Jugendweihe) planned for Easter 1955 are summoned to the principal's office. Here police officials put pressure on them to commit themselves not to allow their children to go to the confirmation class or to be confirmed. The explanation is given that nowadays children no longer need religious instruction.

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